

REMARKS

This amendment is in response to the Office Action dated October 25, 2004. Applicant thanks the Examiner for the allowance of claims 60-78. These claims have not been amended and are therefore still allowable.

Claims 28-31 and 59-78 are canceled without prejudice. The pending claims in this application are allowed claims 60-78.

The Examiner's objections and rejections are addressed in turn below.

DRAWING AND CORRESPONDING SPECIFICATION CHANGES

On page 2 of the Office Action, the Examiner has objected to FIG. 5 (found on drawing sheet 3 of 49) indicating that the leading line on reference numeral 54 located on the right side near item 28 points to the incorrect structural element. FIG. 5 has been corrected and Replacement Sheet 3/49 in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.121(d) is attached hereto. The Examiner's review and approval is respectfully requested.

On page 2 of the Office Action, the Examiner has objected to FIG. 7 (found on drawing sheet 7 of 49) indicating that the use of numerical reference 74 to identify two mounting portions of the hinge is confusing when reading page 16, lines 5-11 of the specification.

FIG. 7 has been revised to now identify the mounting portion associated with fastening member 76 as inner mounting portion 800 instead of 74 as previously labeled. Replacement Sheet 7/49 in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.121(d) is attached hereto incorporating this change. The Examiner's review and approval is respectfully requested. The paragraph on page 16 of the specification that includes lines 5-11 has been concomitantly amended to be consistent with the drawing revision. The paragraph has been further amended for clarification to identify item 74 as the "outer mounting portion" and item 800 as the "inner mounting portion." A replacement paragraph has been provided.

In light of the above, Applicant submits that the above objections have been satisfactorily addressed and reconsideration is respectfully requested.

ADDITIONAL SPECIFICATION CHANGES

On page 3 of the Office Action, the Examiner has objected to the specification and indicated changes necessary to correct minor typographical errors on page 14, line 17 and page 16, line 17. These specification portions have been corrected per the Examiner's remarks and replacement paragraphs have been provided. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

CLAIMS

Applicant's cancellation of claims 28-31 and 59 without prejudice renders the Examiner's rejection of these claims under 35 U.S.C. 112 and 35 U.S.C. 102 moot.

In light of the above amendments and remarks, the Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of this application. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned if a phone call could address any remaining issues and expedite allowance. No new matter has been added by the foregoing specification and drawing changes.

Respectfully submitted,

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IN THE DRAWINGS:

The attached two (2) drawing replacement sheets include the following:

Replacement sheet 3 of 49, which includes FIG. 5, replaces the original sheet bearing the same figure. The lead line for numerical reference 54 on the right hand side of the figure has been relocated to point to the correct item.

Replacement sheet 7 of 49, which includes FIGS. 7 & 8, replaces the original sheet bearing the same figures. In FIG. 7, numerical reference 74, which points to the portion of the hinge including item 76, has been replaced by numerical reference 800.

The foregoing revisions are further explained in the "Remarks."